IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION (LODGING) NO. 2597 OF 2004

V.K. Verma .....Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and Ors. ...
Respondents

Mr. J.P. Cama, Senior Advocate, with Mr. S.B. Jaisinghani, Senior Advocate, and Mr. Satish Maneshinde instructed by Mr. N.S.Nappinai for the Petitioner

Mr. B.A. Desai, Additional Solicitor-General, for Respondent Nos. 1 and 2

Mr. Rafiq Dada, Senior Advocate, with Mr. S.K. Talsania and Mr. J.S. Saluja instructed by M/s. M.V. Kini & Co. for Respondent Nos. 3 and 4.

CORAM: **DALVEER BHANDARI, C.J., &**
DR. D.Y. CHANDRACHUD, J.
DATE: DECEMBER 10, 2004.

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The petitioner was serving as Deputy Director - Stores with respondent No.3-Air India. In the year 1994, orders regarding supply of carpets were given to one U.S.A. company. Out of four orders, two were placed by the petitioner. The payment was made in advance, but the goods as ordered were never received. The Chief Vigilance

Officer, Air India, conducted the inquiry, and one Thatte, who was the person in-charge, was dismissed in 1997.

On 27th April, 2004, respondent No.4, Chief Vigilance Officer, re-opened the investigation. The petitioner has prayed that the said inquiry initiated by respondent No.4 be quashed.

In our opinion, any detailed observation either way may prejudice the case of either side. Therefore, we refrain from making detailed observation. We do not deem it appropriate to interfere in this petition.

This petition, being premature at this stage, is accordingly dismissed. If any disciplinary action is taken against the petitioner, he would be at liberty to move the Court.

CHIEF JUSTICE

DR. D.Y. CHANDRACHUD, J.